



AN E L E G Y

On the Right Honourable

William Earl of Pembroke

Who deceased on the 29th, of *August* 1683.

VWhat are the Glories that by Fame accrue
What are the Praises that to Virtues due?

Which Mortals do enjoy, till't pleases Death,
To Damm the Channel, of enlivening Breath.
Just as the winged Atoms fly with light,
So they do fall when that approaches Night.
So when grim Death our Vitals doth invade,
We turn to Dust; our former Deeds will fade.
The Censure of the living is but hard,
And Hero' of their due oft times debar'd
Posterity doth seldom rightly Deem,
And Envy alway lessens the Esteem,
That we for Generous Spirits ought to have,
When't pleases Fate to lay them in the Grave.
But what do I hear? brave *Pembroke's* Dead,
And from its Mansion, his great Soul is fled.
Yet 'spight of Death, his Name shall never Dye;
Whilst others sink his shall surmount the Skie,
Ah! Cruel Death, what made thee thus Surprise
Him who was *Loyal, Noble, Just and Wise,*
Him who was *Valiant, Liberal, and Good,*
Whose Bounty did extend to all that stood
In need; and those whom Fortune did oppress,
He timely Succor brought to their Distress.

Yet these his Virtues, Envy sought to Raize:
Stir'd up Detraction, to defeat his Praise:
Pernicious Brood! that doth infect our Soyl,
And hath engendred home-bred Strife, and Toyl.
Who are continually with Vipers fed,
To sting the Living, and devour the Dead.
Yet spight of their Attempts, great *Pembroke's* Name
Shall eternized be, by truer Fame.

Great Souls they all partake of what's Sublime,
And though some Actions tainted be with Slime
Yet this doth not retard their course at last,
They stem the Tide, o'recome the threatening blast;
Great *Pembroke's* Course is ended, and now he,
A Hero is, to all Eternity.
His Memory will last, for from his Dust;
The Epithet will rise, of *Wise and Just.*

E P I T A P H.

VWhen this Urn inclosed lies,
Mortal remains of *Just and Wise*:
His better part hath taken flight,
And Hope abides, where's no more Night;
He who a Tear denies,
Hath little pitty, hardened Eyes

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